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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Director of Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$930 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

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